

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE ENEMY FIRE AGAINST THE CHURCH THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTY TOWARD THE HEATHEN

God's Great Government is Not Understood by The Masses.

The Humble Pilgrims Love The True Fold.

The Lord's Church is moving on while the enemy raises a howl against it. He is not so much against unsystematic methods. He knows they will do his kingdom but little damage. But it is the trained organized efforts that are made to herald the gospel message to the ends of the earth that are making the enemy tremble and roar against them.

In plain words, the enemy fire is against the Church. He is not so against us as individuals. He can go to sleep about a few unorganized individuals, because in many cases they fall out among themselves and then the enemy looks on with smiles as sweet as pie.

Saul of Tarsus would not have wasted his time with a few unorganized people, but as the church was moving on with such splendor he saw it was going to overrun the whole Jewish regime if there was not something done to check it. He took upon himself the great responsibility of stopping it. But it did not stop.

In after years this mighty giant confessed that he "persecuted the Church of God and wasted it." He never said that he was so against the individuals. But he was against the church. Of course he took vengeance on the individual members, but the members were not his object. The Church of God was His objective point. He persecuted and wasted it.

Plain to see, if his objective was people or an individual, he would not have said, "Persecuted and wasted it;" he would have said, "Persecuted and wasted him or them." So it was truly the church he wanted to smash. It was the organization that he was afraid of, because by its system and order it was liable to smash his own themes and traditions. This he determined it should not do.

At that time the Church of God claimed the attention of the great men of the world. They felt its power far and near. It was truly effective and powerful. Why? Because of its systematic methods of doing things.

We have but little recorded of the minute workings of the early Church, but more particularly the work itself is given or what it really accomplished. Just how everything was done is not recorded, but from the very fact that mighty things were done is enough to prove that there was good organization, because it takes good organization to accomplish anything of worth.

There are ten or more hands working in the Evangel office. The organization is so perfect that when they come in of a morning each one knows just what to do. There is no friction. No one gets in the way of another. The machinery is the same way. The press does not try to fold the paper, neither does the folder try to do the printing. The large press does not try to print the little tracts, neither do the smaller presses attempt to do the larger work intended for the large press only.

When it comes to selecting the paper for different work there is no disorder about it. One kind of paper is used for the Evangel,

another kind is used for the quarterlies, then still other kinds for other purposes. The arrangement is such that it is no trouble to make every selection, and each worker knows his part in it, so one does not pick up a piece and another come and grab the same piece and they two have a pull about it.

In the office the compositors do not try to keep books, neither does the book keeper set type. The stenographer never tries to operate the presses or set type, neither do any others of the office force try to write shorthand. No one tries to take the place of the transcriber, and the compositors never occupy the chairs of the proof readers.

The organization is so thorough that I do not have to spend my time in telling each one what to do. They all know their place and when work time comes it is interesting to see them as they all go to their places without a word from me. This is organization. This is system.

In the composing and machine rooms I have my foreman. When any new work is taken on, or there are any new instructions to give I only explain to the foreman and go back with perfect confidence. I instruct him and he instructs the others and the work is done according to orders.

The foreman of one department has nothing to do with other departments. Those in the composing room know nothing about the shipping and mailing. They take no hand in it. They only attend to their part of the work. It is on the principle laid down in the Bible, "Every man in his place by their standards." (Num. 2:17.)

I can see very clearly that the enemy is against organization. Of course he is against the Bible standard. The spirit of anarchy often takes possession of people and makes them despise government. (2 Peter 2:10.) They think they are not free when they are required to submit to authority. Therefore they "despise authority, and revile excellency." (Jude 8. Syriac.) The same verse in the authorized version reads, "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities."

One said to another not long since, "If I find a brother in distress and happen to have some of my tithes in my pocket would I not have a right to give some of those tithes to him?" The answer was given in the negative because such a course would be contrary to the rulings of the Assembly. "But he needs help and should have it." "Yes, but you should use your own money to help him and not the Lord's."

Some one might say, "But such a ruling takes away my personal liberty." Yes it does, if you want to be rebellious. But if you have the spirit of submission you enjoy perfect liberty. There is not a trace of a yoke of bondage on the office force. They do not consider themselves under a yoke of slavery. They are free. They are in my employ and subject to my directions, but they are free to submit and yet I very seldom tell them what to do. They know their duty and do it gladly.

God's great government is not understood by the masses and I am sometimes afraid some of our

own people do not understand it as they should. There is a kind of sacredness about it that is not about other governments. God's government. To be under His instructions is what the true humble pilgrims want. The humble pilgrims love the true fold. They feel its protection. They love to work under its order. It is not bondage. It is freedom.

It is a source of comfort to me to know that there is such strong opposition to the church. This shows that it is great enough to be noticed. It is also a sign that Satan knows it is going to break in upon his plans. He is now mustering his forces to make an attack, but this only inspires us to remain humble, and trust our God for deliverance.

A humble submission to God's ways makes us more spiritual. A cold rebellious spirit no matter how little one may be affected by it, will begin to take away the sweetness out of one's experience. I have seen this verified more than once. We must keep tender and sweet if we would get the most out of the Christian life. Submitting to God's order will enable us to do this.

At one time it is said that Paul had the care of all the churches (2 Cor. 11:28,) but besides this the churches had pastors and the other necessary officers. In writing to the Colossian church, among other things he said, "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ." (Col. 2:5.) This shows the double blessing. The business under God's system of government was followed so closely that it drew from their overseer these commendatory words. He was highly pleased with their order. They had things going good. Every man was filling his place. Every woman was filling her place. Every one submissive to the laws and government under which they were serving the Lord.

The spiritual part was not overlooked by this giant apostle. He commended them for their steadfastness of faith in Christ. They were not using medicine or resorting to physicians and their remedies in time of sickness. They knew what divine healing was and they trusted God for it. They had their faith in Christ. They attended the services for worship and sang and praised God and "sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:6.) They were deeply spiritual for he says of them, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Col. 3:3.)

Among other instructions that Paul gave to the Church at Colosse he said, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Col. 3:15, 16.) This all shows that they were deeply spiritual and at the same time they were under good organization, and their order was such that Paul commended them for it.

In this church good government did not interfere with their spirituality; neither did their

The Man With The Light is Responsible in The Gloom, Negligence is Criminal.

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

For twenty years Jabin, King of Canaan, who had nine hundred chariots of iron, had mightily oppressed the children of Israel. Deborah and Barak then led some of the tribes against the foe and God gave them the victory.

While those brave warriors of Israel jeopardized their lives unto the death, the men of Meroz, a town about twenty or thirty miles from the scene of battle, went not to their help but staid at home. When their brethren needed the strength of their right arm they remained away out of the bloodshed and danger.

Today we see a great mass of human souls in heathen darkness, lashed relentlessly by the great enemy and accuser, Satan. Struggling, blindly, doggedly, they grope along, the vacant stare in their eyes depicting a vacancy or void in their lives that only the gospel of the Son of God can remedy. On their long pilgrimages some of them walk measuring their length on the rocky road as they slowly wend their weary way to some sacred shrine where they hope to find soul rest. Others lie on beds of nails with upturned points torturing their bodies, thus endeavoring to atone for their sins. O if we could see the degrading, sensual and devilish forms of heathen worship, could we realize the degrading condition of womanhood, the sorrows of young widowhood, the utter despair and gloom of millions of earth's population, surely Christians would not be so selfish and indifferent. Any one who ridicules or neglects our fellowmen across the seas surely lacks that depth of love and compassion a true child of God should possess.

O the criminal negligence on the part of many who shout and make a big fuss during good meetings here but are so occupied with self that they may have a nice time and feel rejoiced in services, but don't care whether those "over there" hear about it or not.

Truly a man is not worthy of being a minister in the Church of God who despises one of God's little ones. How can one be an example to the flock, a pattern of good works, a true ambassador of Jesus Christ, and at the same time discourage the subject of foreign missions. How many men strive to get possession of fat pastures, feeding themselves, while poor starving sheep and little lambs are bleating for the Bread of Life! Brethren, we shall have to give account for the great sins of omission unless we quickly get under the blood by repenting. The man with the light is responsible in the gloom.

During a stormy night a child left its lamp burning by the window. Before the father retired he blew out the light. The next morning a man, half dead, was found in the snow. When he revived he said that in the gloom he had followed a light, but before he could get to it, it went out and he couldn't find his way. Brother, sister, if the light in you become dark-

ness how great is that darkness.

It is true that today with the world at war, missionary activities are not so great as they have been but the work of God should not come to a stand still. In the time of gloom and sadness when many homes have had to sacrifice their noblest manhood, the gospel light should shine brighter and steadier. If ever men and women needed God it is now; if ever a firm foundation, now is the time. We are in a crisis of political, social and religious affairs. We need the great mold of Christianity to give shape to the future. If it isn't there, infidelity, unbelief, impurity will deluge the world. Truly the salt of the earth is needed to preserve humanity from the awful conditions prevalent before the flood.

You say that the Bible must be fulfilled and that the world will become worse and worse. True, we admit that, but let us not be among those who complacently fold their hands and close their eyes, letting souls slip through their fingers just because the Word is coming true. We don't need to fulfill that part of the Scriptures. We want to be among those who are faithful, giving our lives a sacrifice unto Him.

The worldly people are sacrificing; those who once lived giddy, frivolous lives are now at the front in the trenches or hospitals doing what they can on a humanitarian plane. O the sham profession of some who claim to be sanctified! O the hollowness of many testimonies! This is the time that is trying men's souls. This is the day that is manifesting the true nature within, whether we are living for self or others. Many are unconcerned while the war does not affect their fireside to any great extent; but when a vacant chair or two silently remind them of loved ones at the front then they pray for God to end the war.

Beloved, this is the day to prepare for the evangelization of the world. Many of our men are earning good wages; money should not be spared to send to the missionary cause. If the noble workers on the field can sacrifice their lives, wave fare well to native shores and live in exile for the gospel's sake, can you hold back a few paltry shekels? One nickle apiece daily from the 10,000 members of the Church of God would be \$500.00 a day. Beloved we could at that rate support 180 missionaries right now! How many of our people spend that nickle a day to very little profit. What profit in eternity if rightly spent? Are we backslidden, indifferent, or thoughtless, which? Does self come first or Christ and those for whom He died? Let us look the situation squarely in the face. How can we dodge the issue at the judgment? Are we not playing religion after all? What does Jesus say, not to "slackers," but to obedient ones? "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.'"

Beloved, while many would be teachers are quibbling over petty matters, "splitting hairs" about some doctrinal points, multi-

tudes are perishing. I am convinced that the missionary subject has been greatly neglected in our churches and General Assemblies.

Do you know that today the vast continent of Africa is a battle ground between Mohammedism and Christianity? In Cairo, Egypt, the largest university in the world is turning out Moslem students to propagate their teachings far and wide. Shall consecrated Christian men and women make up the front line forces against these hordes of false teachers or shall we yield to the foe? Africa, that dark and perilous land with 130,000,000 souls, awaits the redemption that Jesus alone can give.

Look at China with its surging population of 325,000,000. "Battered about by the imperialistic forces of the world, she has become the grab bag of Europe. There is only one contingency that can preserve China's integrity, and that is China herself become powerful enough to defend herself. Then, after she has become powerful, there is only one contingency that will prevent her from taking ultimately a merited revenge upon the perpetrators of her wrongs, and that is Christianity." The need of the hour for the yellow race is Jesus!

Turn to the great giant of the north—Russia. Since the revolution hundreds are eagerly waiting for the gospel. With its 182,000,000, Russia has the largest white population in the world and fewer evangelists than Chicago.

There are also 7,000,000 Jews, 12,000,000 Poles, 30,000,000 Ukrainians, millions of Mohammedans who need the gospel and will listen as never before. Truly the fields are white unto harvest, why do we sit still? "He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

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Dear Brother Tomlinson: We are still shouting the victory over the flesh and the devil. Praise the Lord!

We just closed a meeting last week in which there were six saved and sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as at Acts 2:4. Seven were added to the church. Sister Florence L. Burke was in charge of the meeting and the Lord certainly did bless and use her in giving out the Word.

This was once a hard place to work, but God is certainly getting hold of the worst fighters and bringing them in. That is what we want to see.

Let us all live a life before the world that will compel them to acknowledge that we have been with Jesus. Let us prove what we preach by our lives. Let us be humble and meet for the Master's use.

I feel the fire burning in my soul while I write as I look on the harvest fields and behold them so white unto harvest and the laborers so few. I feel God's hand upon me to bear a message from Him. I desire that the saints pray that God may have right of way in my life.

Humbly yours,
O. A. Ownby.

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Get your order for Sunday school literature for next quarter in early so as to prevent such a rush at the office right at the last.

Next Sunday, Sept. 8, is FOREIGN MISSIONS SUNDAY again. Every minister is expected to speak on foreign missions on that particular day, and every church is expected to take up a collection for foreign missions.

Remember we must put the Evangel over the TEN THOUSAND mark by the last of next month. Many are working at this, but we want many more volunteers. Send for extra copies of the paper and the subscription blanks and engage with us in this great campaign.

We expect great things at the Assembly this year. This great wonder working body will convene D. V. at Harriman, Tenn. Oct. 31-18.

Always remember to pray earnestly for the boys in the camps and on the battle fields. They need our sympathy and love while they are deprived of the pleasant surroundings of home.

Remember that Paul exhorts us to pray for the men at the head of our nation. This means that we should pray for all in authority. His extra words follow: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all in authority. ** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior."—1 Tim. 2:1-3.

Let the ministers heed Paul's advice and "Preach the Word," and not attempt to say something that is out of their line of service.

Every one needs wisdom now as comes from above. James tells us that this kind of wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits. Do you possess it? If not then you should make effort to get it and put it in practice.

The entertainment at the coming Assembly will be provided in a similar manner to that of last year. This means that every one will be expected to meet his expenses. This plan is adopted to relieve the Assembly of many collections.

We must make a special effort

to pay off the indebtedness that is on the Assembly building. Remember there is a call for every one that attends the Assembly to bring two dollars for the Assembly building. We also appeal to those who cannot attend and ask them to send their two dollars either by mail or by their friends. By working together and every one helping as much as two dollars it will not make it hard on any one and get that small amount from every one will make a nice little sum when it is all placed in one pile. Commence now to save up and prepare to have your two dollars. I feel sure that all of our people will feel kindly toward this proposition and do their part.

TRUE PROVERBS

M. S. LEMONS

"Be sure your sin will find you out;" God's Word is true; that none can doubt.

If you roll a stone it will come again, And by that stone you will be slain. Haman tried to destroy the good Thus he proved that he surely would. But after all of his vicious blows He was hanged on his own gallows.

Who digs a pit for his neighbor to fall Will be the first to receive the call. God will guide His servants' steps aright,

The enemy will fall in his pit at night. Absalom tried to destroy the king, And this he thought a glorious thing; But when he made the effort, you see His head was hanged in a shaggy oak tree.

Saul tried to kill the innocent man, But God protected with a powerful hand; And thus He proved that He is always by,

For such as are the apple of His eye. David fled from Saul and ran away And hid in the mountains for many a day. Although Saul persisted in hunting him down, Yet God protected and gave him the crown.

Judas betrayed the innocent Christ, Peter backslid and denied Him thrice. But Judas hanged himself on a tree And Peter repented and wept bitterly. Saul persecuted "this way" unto death, And blasphemously stopped their breath;

But when God appeared his eyes went out And he called for one to lead him about. The holiness fighter is bound to die, And for his sin he will surely cry;

For after he has run his life of hate He, soon or late, will meet his fate. What ever man sows that he shall reap,

And for this crime he is sure to weep. All such lose their spiritual power And call for prayer in their dying hour.

THE ENEMY FIRE AGAINST THE CHURCH (Continued from page 1.)

spirituality prevent them from submitting to government. Paul praised them for both, and at the same time he was over them as an overseer watching for their souls. (Heb. 13:17.)

The great object with us is the salvation of souls. This is Christ's object, too. He proved this by giving His life a ransom for many. (Matt. 20:28) But while this is true the prophet said "The government shall be upon his shoulder" (Isa. 9:6.), and surely God would not have arranged to have a government if it were detrimental to salvation and spirituality.

I believe God is all-wise and has all knowledge. I cannot think of Him making a blunder by infusing order into His great plan and having it written and preserved for us to submit to in these last days. No, God makes no mistakes. Jesus made no mistake by saying He would build His church. Paul made no mistake when he rejoiced over the steadfastness of their faith in Christ.

It rejoices my heart to hear of a local church that is full of faith and the Holy Ghost and has all things in order. I love to hear of the members being deeply spiritual and every department in good working order.

As we believe that we have

found the truth contained in the Bible and that we are responsible before God to get this gospel of the kingdom into all the world for a witness, then it behooves us to be wise, full of good fruits, possessed with fervent love for God and one another, and deeply spiritual. What ever it takes to enable us to reach the depths of what God has provided for us, and what He expects of us, is the thing we must do. And we believe with all of our hearts that it is not only an individual matter between us and our God, but it is a matter that includes the entire body of Christ.

There are certain requirements of the Church of God that are not required of any other institution. And the Scriptural Church of God is not according to that erroneous idea that prevail in many minds, that claims it is composed of all believers of whatever order they may be members. It is a district institution organized for the purpose of doing business for God, acting under the laws of His own making.

We do not claim, however, as some have thought we claimed, that there are no saved people outside the church. We are not of that class. We believe there are many good people outside the Church of God, and if death claims them before they get into the church, heaven will be their abode. We are not selfish, but intensely sincere. We do not claim we are the only good people in the world, but we do claim that God has chosen His church to do a work in the world for Him that no other institution is called to perform, and we are members of that particular institution.

This is the very reason that the enemy fire is against the church. It is God's institution. It is His government. It is composed of people that are made peculiar (Titus 2:14) for His special service in these last days. The ending of the same that was in the beginning of the gospel era. (Rev. 1:8.) The Church is His body (Eph. 1:22, 23, Col. 1:24) of which He is the Head. I repeat that the enemy is not so much against us as individuals, but he is against the church, the body of Christ.

When Israel wanted a king it displeased Samuel the prophet very much, but he went to the Lord about the matter, and God said, "Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." (1 Sam. 8:7.) A similar statement was made concerning the children of Israel under Moses when they murmured against him. Moses said, "What are we, that ye murmur against us? * * * for the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against the Lord." (Ex. 16:7.)

I feel safe in saying that if the Church of God were not God's own institution there would not be so much said against it. If it were founded by some man, like all the common churches, I do not believe it would be so strongly opposed. If it was better understood it would probably make a difference. But we have to admit that God's great government is not understood by the masses and never will be, but we who are members of His body ought to understand. And all the members should pray to God for wisdom so they may never bring reproach on this sacred institution by their unwise acts or words.

No doubt there are many humble pilgrims that love the Church dearly that do not fully understand it, but they are submissive. This keeps them in favor with God, and God greatly blesses His humble followers when

they submit and obey whether they understand or not.

I wish I could express my love for this great institution. I am glad I ever found it. I want to remain loyal, yea, I must do this. I must prove my fidelity by my submission and obedience. This means obedience to the whole Bible rightly divided. God help us all.

Dunlap, Tenn.

To The Readers of The Evangel: I am glad to report victory over sin at this place. We have just closed a revival here in which souls were blessed. Some were saved and sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Brother W. H. Lively of Graysville, Tenn., did the preaching and it was wonderful how the Lord did use him in delivering the messages.

The church was set in order Saturday night with eleven members. Eleven followed the Lord in water baptism Sunday. Sunday night we had the Lord's supper and feet-washing and of course the Lord blessed, for He says, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

We are expecting the Lord to do wonderful things for us yet. Remember us in prayer.

Our place of worship is over half paid for. The balance is to be paid by monthly payments. So if any one wants to come here to preach he will have a place to preach. We shall be glad to have any true child of God to visit us and preach for us just any time. The writer has the care of the work at present.

Yours for Jesus, Ralph Coulter.

A Hungry Soul.

Beloved in Christ:

I received the little book that I ordered from you, "The Peculiar Treasure," and it has enlightened me so much. It has stirred my soul the more because I am so anxious to be ready when Jesus comes.

I am saved from my sins and living free from sin every day, but I have not had the experience of the second definite work of grace in my heart. I have not been taught it. My soul is so anxious and it is greatly stirred. I ask you all to pray for me that God will bless my heart and give me the experience—the second work of grace.

We have not been taught of it here. We are taught that when we accept the way we are sanctified and then run on and get the Holy Ghost. Oh please, please give me further information on this subject, and pray that God will give me the experience. My soul is so hungry for more of Jesus. Please pray for me.

(We do not give the name of the writer of the above because it was not written for the paper, but we felt that it would be good to show the good there is in circulating our literature. This little booklet ought to be circulated everywhere. Order by the hundred and the cost is but little, and placed in the hands of the people will accomplish untold good.—Ed.)

Columbia, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God because I can say I am "one of them." It is so sweet to know that my name is written in heaven. Glory!

I praise Him for the experience I received through the hearing of the truth. I am saved and sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

If we want real pleasure we must seek after God and His righteousness. This world cannot afford any real pleasure.

I do not live near a church and do not see many of the saints, but the Lord gives me blessings and by His grace I intend to stand true till Jesus comes.

I praise Him for faith to trust Him in time of sickness and at all times.

I need the prayers of the saints

everywhere now as I have a very bad case of asthma. I can't rest at night on account of coughing so much. I desire that all the saints pray for my lungs. I am trusting the Lord and Him only. I have been trusting Him about four years and He never has forsaken me.

Your sister in Christ, Nancy Breeland.

Notice.

To All the Members of the Ft. Myers District which includes Alva, Chokoloskee, Ft. Myers, Marco and Punta Gorda:

Acting upon request of Board of Elders, page 36 of Assembly Minute, there will be a district conference held at the Church of God in East Ft. Myers on Saturday before the second Sunday in October or October 12, for the purpose of preparing the reports for the General Assembly.

So we kindly and lovingly request all the ministers, deacons and clerks to be there. All the clerks will please have a correct report from their local churches.

Remember the date—October 12.

Your loving brother in Christ, E. B. Culpepper, District Overseer.

Evansville, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God this morning for victory in my soul. I can never praise my Savior enough for saving sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

I have only had the experience a short time. I feel that I am just a babe in Christ and I desire the prayers of all that I may grow stronger. I desire to be a soul winner for Jesus. I am longing to see His sweet face as He comes in the clouds of heaven.

I desire prayer for my loved ones that they may be brought into this way.

Your sister, Viola Dobbs.

Coalburg, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am still holding on to the Lord. Glory to God! There are only a few of us here but we still have the victory.

We would be glad for some one (Sister Mary Howell if she can) to come and hold services for us. We will forward expenses upon being notified.

Your sister in Christ, M. S. Faulk, R 7, Bx 145, Coalburg, Ala.

Notice.

The Assembly of Eastern North Carolina, will be held at Dunn, N. C. October 4-5 1918. October 7-12 we are to be at Gastonia, N. C., to hold the Assembly there.

At these assemblies we desire the presence of all who can come, both white and colored, especially the clerks and officers of each district.

Brother G. T. Stargel states that he will hold the district conference just after the District Assembly.

W. A. Capshaw, Overseer.

WANTED—A good Christian home for a thirteen year old girl. The girl is a Christian and needs good Christian care.

Address B.B. in care of Evangel Office.

WANTED—A man with small family and member of the Church of God to make a share crop.

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NOTICE—We will expect reports from all the Evangelists in Georgia for Sept. and Oct.

M. S. Lemons, Overseer.

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NOTICE—I am going to locate in North Ga., North Ala., or Tenn. I wish to get close to a Church of God where my family can attend Sunday school. I would like to hear from some of our brethren that might help me to locate.

H. N. Bostwick, Farmington, Ga.

Request.

Bertha Burgess of Port St. Joe, Fla., earnestly desires the prayers of all the saints that she may be healed of chronic stomach trouble. She is so isolated that she doesn't have the privilege of meeting with the saints in worship.

Fyffe, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Grace Be Unto You And Peace From God Our Father:

I have just closed a meeting here with very good results. Some have been saved, some sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. Several others are seeking the fullness of God.

God's presence has been wonderfully manifested in the meetings and the people have shown great interest

Yours in Christ, J. A. Tant.

Request.

Sister Mamie Inglett reports a great outpouring of the Spirit in the Sunday service at Augusta, Ga. She requests the prayers of the saints for her healing.

Bogue, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise Jesus for victory today. I am so glad He helped me to turn from the evil one and accept Him as my Savior. Praise the Lord! He is so good!

I praise the Lord for sending His servants here to preach the Word. No preaching ever struck me as this did. I had never heard holiness preached until the Lord sent Brother Aaron Smith and Brother and Sister Williams here.

Glory to Jesus! I went to the altar seeking God. I knew when He forgave me of my sins and blotted them out forever. Glory to His precious name! But still I was not satisfied. The workers told me there was a greater blessing for me and I felt that I must have it. So I kept praying and praising the Lord until the Comforter came into this temple and spoke through me in other tongues. Glory to Jesus!

I desire every reader of the Evangel to pray for me that I may ever stand true and firm as a rock until Jesus comes. I want to be a worker for Jesus.

Yours for Him, Dolly Weeks.

Request.

Mrs. Cora Rowland of Spencer, Tenn., requests prayer that she may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, also for the healing of her husband who has a cancer on his face.

To go Through We Shall Have to Push Ahead and Persevere to The End.

SAM. C. PERRY.

So many make a good start but do not hold out until the end. There is no promise of good to the backslider. "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom."

Those who "continue in the faith grounded and settled" being steadfast in the faith of Jesus are to be presented "holy and unblamable and unreplicable in his sight" (Col. 1:22-23) in that day. How many humiliations, tears, prayers, self-denials and persecutions it takes to settle us in God, and how much courage, faith and love to continue, only the true ones realize, but God understands and overlooks and brings to pass His good will in all who wholly follow Him.

To be the Lord's disciples means to continue in His Word. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my Word then are ye my disciples indeed." We have no other way of proving our faith and love. Men may profess all that they hear others profess, but when we see a faithful continuance in the way of truth we know that God is pleased and His name is glorified.

Saint Paul teaches us that we are Christ's house "if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." So the exalted privilege of being builded into His house is only to those who persevere and press on in the faith of the gospel. The faggards, sleepers, doubters and disobedient will not constitute that house. This same writer declares that "we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3:14.

A steady continuance in the Christian life is the greatest evidence of the fact that one has been made a partaker of Jesus Christ. No evidence stands out to convince like that.

The Christian's pathway is a way of light and purity and it is "more and more unto the perfect day." There is no end to the increase, he never gets all of the grace that he desires, but is ever seeking, looking, moving on to higher heights. All his best thought and energy is spent in that direction. He is well aware that if he ceases to press on that he will soon become a backslider and fall out of the good race for the pearly city, so he moves forward with all the zeal and courage at His command.

These words are found in Chron. 16:11—"Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually." Many seek God in the revival and on special occasions, but how few seek Him ways and everywhere never ceasing.

God orders that His people wait on Him continually. A little now and then will not do. There must be a regular, steady, faithful holding on to God, not an up and down half-way sort of service, but that which is becoming the great God that our Maker is.

Whether the service is hard or easy, whether agreeable or contrary to our tastes we must obey and follow on with all our heart for the full development of the Christian life. Seek God "continually" not the will of men. Know God's voice, follow it and you are always safe. Nothing need alarm the faithful persevering child of God.

In Romans 12:12, the exhortation to a "continuing instant in prayer" is to the point. Nothing prospers in the Christian life without prayer. The whole of the Christian life depends on this. It is prayer that brings us to know the joys of Jesus and His love; it is prayer that enables us to press on and persevere in all the fulness of those

joys unto the end of the race when the crown is won.

In the life of the saints who finally come out more than conquerors are several items. In Eph. 6:18. We read of an intense exercise urged upon them. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." This would picture the soul exerting itself to the fullest limit of capacity all the time.

No doubt the measure of our whole Christian life is the reach of our prayers. As a man prays, so he is in fact. If he prays little his faith and love are small. If he prays little he has little power or strength of resistance in time of temptation. All who have succeeded, and counted for God have been men who persevered and conquered in prayer.

Another element in perseverance is patience. Rom. 27 declares that "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life" etc. This indicates a firm zealous, energetic pressing on against all odds or discouragements or delays. Knowing that in due season "we shall reap," "we faint not" at anything, but continue as tho' we had our reward already in hand. This was the spirit of the prophets and martyrs of old. They started to go all the way with God, and they kept at the task no matter if it cost life or any part of its blessings or comforts, it was all the same to them, they held on their way to the end. The same spirit possesses God's elect today. Everything to them is at stake, they cannot turn to the right hand or to the left. They dare not follow men or devils, but they must follow the Lamb at all costs. Friendships, earthly gain or comforts weigh nothing with them, they must win Christ.

"But ye brethren, be not weary in well doing," 2 Thes. 3:13, is an exhortation of the apostle, so that in good works and in carrying the message to others we must not allow ourselves to become tired or discouraged, but we must always possess a spirit of freshness and vigor in the service of God as we serve Him while waiting for His appearing. This will make the work easier and more pleasant, and others will catch the fire much more quickly from one of this kind than from a sleepy or discouraged sort of Christian.

The testimony of saint Paul as recorded in 2 Tim. 4:7, is a most remarkable one. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." No doubt he looked back over the past, as he wrote these words and reviewed the many experiences both pleasant and unpleasant, through which he had come, and then remembered that through all he had held on and continued and kept the faith firm unto the end.

What a glorious satisfaction to be able to meet God with such a testimony as this. All suffering, sorrows, disappointments, misunderstandings and tribulations will then be over. May we above all things keep this one thing in view, and if we succeed in meeting Jesus in peace, nothing else will matter.

Mena, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for saving me, sanctifying, healing, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Oh, glory! He gave me a salvation that will endure while the ages roll.

I have just closed a three

weeks meeting. Ten were saved and four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord wonderfully blessed the saints. God willing, I will begin a meeting in Oklahoma and desire your prayers.

Yours in Jesus,
F. M. Smedley.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Church, Philadelphia, Pa.,	\$ 1 50
" Cookeville, Tenn.,	2 00
" Ridgedale, " "	5 00
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S. S. Cedar Grove, W. Va.,	3 10
Church, Fostoria, Ohio,	0 75
" Mission, Rossville, Ga.,	0 50
" Lyra, Texas,	1 50
Mrs. Willie Jefferies, Clarendon, Ark.,	1 00
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E. D. Hopkins, Cullowee, N. O.,	0 15

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" Dunn, La.,	2 22
" Parrish, Fla.,	2 50
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" Morgantown, Miss.,	3 40
" Columbus, Ohio,	1 39
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" Sobel, Tenn.,	1 25
" Wimauma, Fla.,	1 50
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Odum, Ga.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God for the way of holiness. About three years ago God wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am not a bit tired of the way.

I have a husband and two brothers in the army. I desire that the saints pray for their salvation and that they may be brought safely home.

Your unworthy sister,
Lai Dent.

Odum, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The Lord has saved me from sin and sanctified me and I desire the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I hope the saints will pray that I may have my heart's desire.

I have a son in France and two other sons in the army. I want the saints to pray that God will save their souls and spare their lives.

It is wonderful to be in this holy way. In these gloomy times we need God. When we call on Him He is always near to bless. Praise His dear name!

Please pray for me!
Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Kate Dixon.

Porterdale, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God today for this wonderful salvation that saves us from sin. Oh, I can't praise Him enough for what He is to me.

The Lord is the greatest physician I have ever found. My health was bad for more than three years, but the Lord healed me and today I am a well woman. I haven't taken a drop of medicine for more than a year.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be humble and obedient till Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister,
Laura Woods.

BAPTISM

M. S. LEMONS.

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Eph. 4:4-6.

From what we have read from the pen of great writers and heard from the lips of great speakers, it seems that there must be quite a little confusion about this particular subject.

Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus in which he told them that there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, seems to confuse some because the inspired writer said "One." Some say it is water baptism, others say it is the Holy Ghost baptism. It seems that they are so confused over the thought of "only one" baptism that it is difficult to ascertain which one. The Word does not say that there is "only one baptism," but there is "one baptism," one for Jew and Gentile. One God for the same, having many requirements.

It is clear to be seen by the Bible student that there are five distinct baptisms mentioned in the New Testament, viz: Water baptism, that of John, (Matt. 3.) Second, the baptism of suffering—death of the body, death of the cross. Third, the baptism into Christ, the death of the old man. After this resurrection is the "walk in newness of life." Fourth, the baptism with the Holy Ghost which they received at Pentecost. Fifth, the baptism of oneness which never takes place until the members are well prepared.

Baptism with water, or water baptism is mentioned many times in the Word. There are plenty of texts to prove the truthfulness of the fact. Most all Spirit-filled men and women believe it is the will of God for them to be baptized in water and by a man who is baptized with the Holy Ghost. I will only quote enough Scriptures to prove the truthfulness of the fact. Mat. 3:1-7 says,

"In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *** Then cometh Jesus to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him and John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee. *** And when he was baptized he came straightway up out of the water. At Mat. 28:19, 20, Jesus says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have said unto you." This is water baptism.

Second, the baptism of suffering. Mat. 20:22, 23 reads as follows: Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, we are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father." At Luke 12:50, He says almost the same words—"But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straightened till it be accomplished!" These two Scriptures show plainly that Jesus is not talking about water, nor the Holy Ghost baptism. This was a prediction of the suffering of the body on the cross—the death of the apostles. It has been said that none of them died a natural death except John.

Third, the baptism unto death. "Know ye not that so many of

us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Rom. 6:3. "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision of Christ: buried with him in baptism wherein also ye were risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Col. 2:11, 12. The resurrected life is after one dies. Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose again. All sanctified people know when the old man died and they know how to walk in newness of life. This is not water, nor Holy Ghost baptism, nor oneness, but it is the baptism unto death of the carnal mind—the old man of sin.

Fourth, the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "I indeed baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." Mat. 3:11. "For John truly baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5. No one who has the experience questions this baptism.

But there is one more which some may doubt, namely, "oneness" or "into one body." "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:13. Many say that this is the baptism of the Holy Ghost but that could not be so, for there are many whom we all know have the baptism with the Holy Ghost and we know, too, that they never have had the baptism of oneness. We are not all of "one mind and one accord," there must be something else done for us.

In this same chapter Paul says, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him. *** But now are they many members, yet but one body *** that there should be no schism in the body but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ."

The parts of Adam's body were made before they were joined together. The hairs of your head are numbered.

Jesus is the head of the body. All of the members move at the impulse of His will. The church is the body of Christ. Many say that it is a spiritual body and that all Christians belong to it, but this is a great mistake. Jesus was a literal man, had a tangible body. He is the head of this body of which I am speaking. It truly would be an ideal picture to see a man with a literal head and a mystical or spiritual body. God made and perfected all the parts of the body before He joined them together; then after they were perfected they were baptized into one body. So with the church there are many who have been baptized with water and with the Holy Ghost, but have not as yet been baptized into the Church of God.

Not every member who is a member of the church with his name on the roll is a member of this body where they all have the same care one for another. Those who are of the same body are they who suffer when the other brother suffers, and rejoice when the other brother rejoices. They are the body of Christ.

It is clear to be seen that not every Spirit-filled person rejoices or is sad when the people who are not of his belief have success or failure. The body of Christ has sympathy for the least of its members who have the least degree of suffering, and will go about to help in any way possible to relieve the same and is not satisfied until it is done. The Holy Ghost people are not that way; some are of Paul and some of Apollos. They should all be of Christ—the one body.

Those who are baptized into

one body are in perfect harmony with each other. They are willing to suffer for the interest of their brother. If anything be revealed to one sitting by, the first holds his peace until the other speaks. There are times when we sit and work and times when we walk and work, and there are other times when we run and work. Each member of the body is subject to the other members.

Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for what He has done for me. Praise God! He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am only eleven years old, but praise God, salvation is good for the old and young. Glory to Jesus!

I ask the prayers of all the saints. Pray that I may stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister in Christ,
Corene Jones.

Report of District Meeting.

Dear Evangel:

The district meeting convened at Harriman, Tenn., Sunday, August 25, 1918, F. J. Lee, overseer of state in charge. The order of the day was as follows:

In the forenoon Brother Lee delivered a very interesting and instructive sermon on the Church of God. After which dinner was spread in the grove by the church and was enjoyed by all.

In the forenoon reports were given from the different churches of the district followed by questions and answers and general instructions which were very interesting and instructive.

The work on this district seems to be progressing nicely.

The revival here is still in progress with considerable interest.

Chas. M. Grisam,
District Overseer.

Wilmington, Del.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have just returned from the ship yard where there are about 4000 men building government ships. I preached at the gate at the noon hour. Many began to mock. There was no one with me to hold my hat or handgrip, so I set my little grip down by a shade tree on the sidewalk and put my hat on it. During my preaching somebody got my hat, tore the top out and threw the brim under my feet.

When the crowd saw my hat torn up and that I paid no attention, only said I would pray for the man, the crowd increased and gave better attention. The dear Lord did bless me and gave great power in giving out His Word. Praise God!

When I got through a U. S. soldier was standing by me saying "Amen! Preach it brother!" Then he began preaching to them and told them he might lose his head but he was going to preach it. He shamed the people for mocking and abusing a man of God as they had done. He told them that God might strike them dead for that. They looked bad over it. Then I began praising the Lord and handing out tracts while he continued preaching.

I told the folks to meet me there tomorrow and I would preach the Word to them again. They at once volunteered to put \$2.97 in my hand to buy a new hat.

Praise God! I believe I'll just keep preaching it. Many hearts seemed to be hungry for the Word of God.

I am doing the best I can for Jesus. I have no place to preach except the street and a few homes. I am praying for a church here.

Yours in Jesus,
E. D. Hopkins.

Somewhere In France.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name: I realize today that it is through the tender mercies of God that I have the privilege of writing to the Evangel.

Although I am thousands of miles from home, I am still praising the Lord for the blessed Holy Ghost, the Comforter whom He said He would send. Glory to God! It is my heart's desire to do something for God.

Sometimes the way looks dark and dreary but all we can do is to take things to the Lord in prayer. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us, and He has promised that in every temptation a way of escape will be made.

I am at the front now, at a dressing station but we are not doing very much now. I am hoping and praying to get home again. There is one thing that does my heart good, and that is to know I am ready to meet Jesus in mid air. Glory to God! What a wonderful thought to know our Lord is ever near.

I want to make one request of the Church of God and that is that they pray for me and when the General Assembly convenes, that they offer up one prayer for me.

Your brother in Christ,
Private John H. Lee,
327 Amb. Co.,
307 Sanitary Train,
A. E. F. Via New York.

Sibleyton, Miss.

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Savior:

I praise God today for the deep settled peace that abides in my soul. I praise and adore His name for keeping me low and humble at His dear feet. I praise Him for the victory I have in my soul over Satan, for the Holy Ghost who abides within. Praise the Lord!

I am so glad, oh so glad, that I can say I am "one of them." I have had the experience only a few months but the way grows brighter every day.

I live so far from the church I can't attend the services regularly. I hear the Word of God abused so much until it seems sometimes like it is almost more than I can bear. The girls pass and do not speak, but I only think and say, "Jesus passed this way before."

I am praying that God will send some one here to help these holiness fighters to realize that "without holiness no man can see the Lord."

I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that I may ever be true and a soul winner for Jesus. Please pray for my parents, brothers and sisters that they may turn from sin and receive this wonderful experience.

I enjoy reading the Evangel. It is food to my soul.

Your sister in Christ,
Zula Davis.

McRoberts, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to thank God for the Evangel. The fiery testimonies

inspire us to get closer to God.

We are a band of saints here, all baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence as in Acts 2:4.

The writer is a colored evangelist. I travel much trying to get our people to understand that they must be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I was in Kimberly, Ala. a few weeks ago. While there one was saved and sanctified and Brother Peter Williams, a sanctified preacher, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The white Holiness preacher, accompanied by some of his members came to our meeting and preached for us.

I want the saints to pray that the Holy Ghost doctrine will spread among the colored people. Also pray for the little band of colored saints at Empire, Ala. They are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

There is a sweet spirit of love among the saints here in McRoberts, Ky. God is pouring out His Spirit. Pray for us.

Your brother,
G. W. Keith, pastor.

Taylor, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer. I am still serving God the best I know how.

If there ever was a time when we should be humble at Jesus' feet it surely is now, for we know that perilous times are upon us. Satan is doing everything possible to drag God's people down. But in spite of all the opposing powers I mean to serve God.

I am now in South Carolina and do not have the privilege of being with the saints. I want all the saints to pray for me and for my husband. He is here in the training camp. We feel God's call into the work and it is our hearts' desire to tell lost souls about Jesus. We realize His coming is near.

Dear people, if you ever expect to do anything for Jesus, do it now, for He is soon coming to catch away His bride and it behooves us to be ready.

I desire that every reader pray a special prayer for us and for our loved ones at home, and that God will care for my brother who is now in France.

God bless you all.

Mrs. C. B. Reynolds.

Macon, Ga.

Dear Readers:

I want to report victory in my soul this morning.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing in Macon. Brother and Sister Shepherd were with us last week. The Lord blessed Sister Shepherd in giving out the Word. One received the Holy Ghost and many were blessed. Praise God!

I am so glad Jesus ever passed this way. I praise Him for His saving power and for the abiding Comforter.

Please pray for us.

Your unworthy sister,
N. B. Elrod.

Folly of Ungodly Leaders—Another Sign of The Last Days.

PERRY W. HADSOCK.

By a close and prayerful study of God's Word we learn why those who once prospered apparently are now coming to naught. If it were not for the blessed Word of God we should all be in the dark, but it is like a great panorama machine which takes a view of large structures and cities and if those desiring to know the true way would look into God's Word with an honest heart they could distinguish the true shepherd from the false. But the masses of the people go to hear those who profess to be leaders and sit and drink in what they say and in many cases they never give out God's Word which is able to save the soul.

The Apostle Paul in writing about such professors said, "They shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be manifested unto all men as theirs (Jannes' and Jambres') also was." We read in Exodus how these magicians tried to compete with what God's people did but met with utter failure in the end. So Paul writes to Timothy of a people in the last days in whom all these evils will be manifested, yet they will have a form of godliness. Now he is speaking of the last day occurrences and states that they shall proceed no further.

Truly, this is now being manifested in our midst. There are those who in days past went forward with sincerity of heart walking with God to the best of their knowledge endeavoring to lead others; but as time passed and God began to turn the light on His Word and many walked right on in the light, these leaders resisted the truth with all their might and continued on in the form, ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. But the light is shining with such brightness now until their folly is being manifested. Their progress has stopped and hungry souls are fleeing for their lives.

All Scripture was given by inspiration of God and will be fulfilled to the letter. Are you among that number who have the form and deny the power? Are you a leader? It would be unsafe to be among these, and to be a leader would mean to be a false shepherd.

Jesus promised to go with those who would follow Him and teach His Word. Are you doing it? "Not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter in, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." So it takes continual believing and doing to please God.

Brother, if more light has come to you there is only one safe way out and that is to walk in it and by so doing you can make good. Don't draw back; God says He has no pleasure in those who draw back. The promises are to those who walk in the light. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—1 John 1:7.

In my first experience of Christianity I united with a body of worshipers that doubtless were following Jesus as far as they had knowledge of Him. Later more light came to me. Though I was true to that body of worshipers and loved them all, I knew that if I should fail to walk on I would come to naught. I realized that the promise is to those who continue to walk on in the light as it comes. Many saw the light and drew back thus fulfilling Paul's writing to Timothy.

More light is shining every day and all of God's sheep are coming to the fold but others are resisting the truth. Men of corrupt minds, reprobate concern-

ing the faith." 2 Tim. 3:8.

Oh, that men would lay down their opinions and ideas and accept God's Word. That is the only way to make sure of heaven. In the judgment one man's opinion will be worth as much as another's. Nothing will stand there, but the sure Word of God.

Prophecies are being fulfilled rapidly in these days and many signs of the last days are upon us. Truly the folly of the ungodly is one of the signs.

It will be only a short time until man's work will be put aside. Are you in the fold? Do you embrace every promise? If not you are indeed letting valuable time and opportunities pass. As a leader should you not be sure that you are not in the number referred to by Jesus as being "blind leaders of the blind; and if the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch?" You should rather choose to be in this number: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."—Ezekiel 3:17-19.

"Preach the word."—2 Tim. 4:2. Then you can say with Paul: "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the council of God." "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4:7, 8. That will be a glorious time, there to reign with Him forever. Will you accept His Word?

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